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In re Patent Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/612,855)
Filed: 07/03/2003)
For: HEATED WINDSHIELD WIPER)
ASSEMBLY)

Group Art Unit:

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The prior art references, namely the U.S. Patents and the Canadian Patent Application listed below, constitute the closest art of which the Applicant is aware relating to the invention of the above identified Application. The Application discloses and claims a heated windshield wiper assembly, which is patentable over this prior art, and which is as follows.

U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
D394,839	06/02/1998	Friesen
6,028,291	02/22/2000	Heisler

Canadian Patent Application

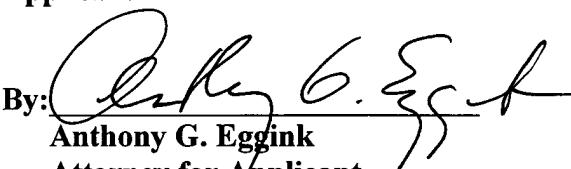
<u>Patent App. No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
2,307,526	11/04/2001	Friesen

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's application discloses an invention which is patentable over these patent references, which are disclosed to the Patent Office to ensure that all pertinent art, of which Applicant is aware, is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the above Application is believed to be in order, and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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